

City Clerk's Office
July 13, 2015
5:00 p.m.

The governing body of the City of Syracuse met in regular session on July 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office. Councilmembers present were: Michele Boy, Dustin Doze, Steve Schell, Vance Keller and Blake Upson, Mayor. Employees present were: Brian Bloyd, City Administrator, Linda Dinkel, City Clerk, Sarah Carter, City Treasurer and Rob Gale, City Attorney. Leslie Carlholm, Economic Development Director and Steve Phillips, Emergency Management Directors were also present. Absent was Councilmember Matt Gould.

Mayor Upson opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance

There were no public comments.

Councilmember Schell made motion to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Keller. All councilmembers voted aye.

Councilmember Keller made motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2015; motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed with all councilmembers voting aye.

Councilmember Boy made motion to approve appropriation ord. #912 in the amount of \$108,852.61. Councilmember Doze seconded the motion. The motion was approved with all councilmembers voting aye.

Steve Phillips presented Resolution #2015-02 to the governing body.

Resolution 2015-02

A Resolution Adopting the Southwest Kansas (Region C) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Whereas, the Governing Body of the City of Syracuse recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 ("Disaster Mitigation Act") emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

Whereas, an adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, the City of Syracuse fully participated in the FEMA prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials have reviewed the Southwest Kansas (Region C) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

Whereas, the City of Syracuse desires to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Southwest Kansas (Region C) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, adoption by the governing body for the City of Syracuse demonstrates the jurisdictions' commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this plan, and

Whereas, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the City of Syracuse adopts the Southwest Kansas (Region C) Multi-Hazard, Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as an official plan; and

Be it further resolved, the City of Syracuse will submit this Adoption Resolution to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and FEMA Region VII officials to enable the plan's final approval.

The resolution was adopted on motion from Councilmember Keller, seconded by Councilmember Schell. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Doze made motion to approve the three year contract with Kansas State Employees Health Care Benefits Program to cover the health insurance of the full time employees. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Boy. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Upson broached the subject of ATV's and golf carts being driven in town by underage drivers and his concern for their safety. Mayor Upson had recently discussed this with Sheriff Garza but would like a reminder of the regulations put in the paper.

Councilmember Schell informed the council that a county commissioner had asked him to discuss with the City Council the subject of increasing the amount of money that the City of Syracuse pays to the Hamilton County for the Hamilton County Law Enforcement Budget. Councilmember Keller had also been contacted by a county commissioner. This topic was discussed at great lengths. The proposed City 2016 budget was reviewed to see if extra funding could be moved from other line items in general. Clerk Dinkel reminded the City Council that the rental from Westlink equipment on the water tower was no longer an income item because the equipment had been removed. It was discussed that increasing the mill levy by three mills for the general fund would create enough revenue to increase the City's share of the Hamilton County Law enforcement Budget. Councilmember Schell made motion to raise the Law Enforcement amount from \$131,000 to \$150,000 for the proposed budget for the year of 2016.

Councilmember Boy seconded the motion and it passed with all members voting aye. Dinkel was instructed to have the changes made to the proposed budget.

Juan and Rebecca Gonzalez have requested water service outside of the city limits at 1012 N. Norris Street. The water service was approved on motion made by Councilmember Doze and seconded by Councilmember Keller. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Economic Development: Carlholm discussed her work on the E-Community Partnership and that she had presented the community survey results at the last leadership meeting.

Sand Park: We had the campsites full over the holiday weekend. Our improvements have been well received. June revenue exceeded the expenses.

City Administrator: Crew is doing routine maintenance and we are waiting on sealing sand to start sealing streets the week of July 20th, the east side of town is scheduled to be sealed this year. Crew is helping out with sewer repairs at the fairgrounds. Bloyd has talked to engineers about options for the upcoming lagoon project.

City Clerk: The Fireworks Display on the Independence Day went well. There was a good crowd around Sam's Pond for the display. Everything in the office is running smoothly.

There was no Round Table discussion.

Councilmember Doze made motion to adjourn, Councilmember Boy seconded and all voted aye.

ATTEST:

Linda Dinkel
City Clerk

Blake Upson
Mayor